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TO: District Superintendents, Schools in Need of Improvement
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FROM: Elaine P. Davis, Director
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SUBJECT: Turnaround Leadership Network

The Department of Education is pleased to offer a special opportunity for public schools and charter schools in your district to participate in this professional development initiative. The Turnaround Leadership Professional Learning Community Network (TLPCN) is guided by the research of Michael Fullan and Rick DuFour. Over the past decade, prominent academics and successful practitioners have identified collaborative networks as one of the most effective forms of professional development for school leaders. The TLPCN promotes and encourages authentic and sustainable relationships for problem solving, resource identification and reinforcement of personal leadership attributes. The network places in the forefront the current critical issues that form the reality of a leader's day-to-day challenges.

The Department has partnered with three state institutes of higher learning to offer regional services to facilitate the TLPCNs. Montclair State University, The College of New Jersey, and Rowan University provide monthly and biweekly meetings for school leaders. There is no cost to participate.

Please visit our webpage to enroll in one of the TLPCNs. You will also find on the website, several of the upcoming events www.nj.gov/education/dsis/turnaround/. Please feel free to contact me at 609-984-4966 for further information and details.

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